5. Dr. D.N. Tewari, Ex-Chancellor, F.R.I. (Deemed University) Dehradun (UP). : Member

6. Shri S.P. Prakash, Ex-Engineer-in-Chief, Delhi Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Undertaking. : Member

7. Shri C.C. Patel Ex-Secretary (WR) Govt. of India. : Member

8. Dr.Bharat Singh Vice-Chancellor (Retd.) University of Roorkee. : Member

9. Shri S.P. Caprihan Engineer-in-Chief (Retd) Government of M.P. : Member

10. Director General, National Water Development Agency (NWDA), New Delhi. : Member Secretary

There is also a provision to co-opt other experts for assisting the Commission.

2. The terms of reference of the Commission are as under:—

(i) To prepare an Integrated Water Plan for development of water resources for Drinking, Irrigation, Industrial, Flood Control and Other uses;

(ii) To suggest modalities for transfer of surplus water to water-deficit basin by inter-linking of rivers for achieving the above objectives;

(iii) To identify important On-going Projects as well as New Projects which should be completed on priority basis together with pashing?

(iv) Identify a technological and interdisciplinary research plan for the water sector with a view maximise the benefits.

(v) To suggest physical and financial resource generation strategies for the water sector;

(vi) Any other related issue.

Issues discussed in the Inter-State Council Meeting

576. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the various issues discussed in the Inter-State Council meeting held in New Delhi in October, 1996;

(b) the opinion expressed by different Chief Ministers in that meeting;

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement various recommendations made by the Inter-State Council meeting; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The following was the agenda for the second meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 15.10.96:—

(1) Consideration of 179 recommendations of Sarkaria Commission on which there was a consensus in the Sub-Committee of the Inter-State Council and adoption of resolutions;

(2) Methodology for examination of 44 recommendations of Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State Financial Relations, 11 recommendations on which there was no consensus in the Sub-Committee and 1 recommendations relating to Centre-State relations in the sphere of education;

(3) Methodology for examination of the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission relating to Emergency Provision including Article 356; and

(4) Appointment of High Level Committee.

A copy of the recommendations adopted at the second meeting of the Inter-State Council is enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

As decided by the Inter-State Council, the following steps have been taken:

(1) All the State Governments/ Union Territories Administrations have been requested to send their comments/views on the 179 recommendations finalised by the Sub-Committee and also on any matter of relevance;

(2) Proposal for constituting a Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council is under consideration.

Statement

Recommendations accepted at the Second Meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 18.10.1996

1.The Council welcomed the convening of the second meeting and congratulated the Prime Minister and the Home Minister for initiating the much delayed dialogue on the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations. It recognised the need for comprehensive steps towards decentralisation in Centre-State relations and endorsed the commitment in Common Minimum Programme to reform Centre-State relations in the light of the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission.

2.The Council recommended that there should be a Standing Committee of the Council for continuous consultations and processing of matters for the consideration of the Council.

3. The Council took note of the work of the Sub-Committee in its meetings. 179 recommendations finalised by the Sub-Committee were broadly endorsed and the Government was urged to initiate action to implement these recommendations as quickly as possible. At the same time, in view of the reservations expressed by some of the Chief Ministers they are free to convey the same as well as any matter of relevance of the Inter-State Council Secretariat within one month so that their views can be further considered by the Standing Committee of the Council.

4. As envisaged in the notification constituting the Council meetings of the Council will be convened three times a year as notified earlier. The Standing Committee of the Council may meet as often as necessary.

5. The Standing Committee will process all matters pertaining to Centre-State relations before they are taken up for consideration in the Inter-State Council. It will provide continuity of discussions and also undertake monitoring of the implementation of decisions taken on the recommendations of the Council.

6. Based upon past experience and judicial pronouncements, continuance/ amendment of Article 356 requires to be further examined so as to prevent its misuse.

7. Having regard to the current fiscal situation in the country in the Centre and in the States and with regard to national economic policies the structure of Centre-State financial relationship needs to be examined afresh and up-dated with a view to promoting decentralisation.

8. The Council recommended that the Standing Committee would review and update the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission especially the vital question of devolution of financial powers from the Central Government to State Governments and the examination of changes required in Article 356 of the Constitution. The Committee will be required to give its report within three months and the same will be considered immediately thereafter by the Council.

9. Observations and proposals made by the Members of the Council at tl

meeting, would also be referred to the Standing Committee for their consideration and report to the Council.

10. The Standing Committee may, if necessary, invite experts and persons eminent in specific fields to have the benefit to their views while deliberating upon the related subjects.

11. After the 73rd and 74th Constitution Amendment Acts. decentralization of resoruces, powers and responsibilities to Urban and Rural Panchayat Raj institutions have become very important. The Council recommends adequate devolution in this respect from the States to Local bodies.

12. Regional Development boards and other regional development arrangements within the State require to be fully strengthened wherever necessary and made operational with full delegation of financial and executive powers. The State Governments would be fully involved in making these arrangements and in the exercise of powers under article 271 of the Constitution.

Sick Textile Mills in the Country

577. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills alongwith names which have become sick at present in the country.

(b) the total number of workers in these mills; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to solve the problems being faced by these mills and workers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) As on 31.10.96, 299 textile mills were registered with Board for industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) the number of these workers is 3,75,084. A Statement showing the names of the mills, along with the number of workers is given as Annexure. [*See Appendix 179, Annexure No. 14*].

(c) Government has set up BIFR to enquire into the working of sick industrial companies and to prepare and sanction, as appropriate, schemes for revivial of mills.

Deployment of Security Personnel for Miss World Contest at Bangalore

578. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of personnel from the Border Security Force, National Security Guards and Rapid Action Force that were deployed to ensure law and order during the Miss World Beauty Pageant recently organised by a private company at Bangalore;

(b) the total cost to the national exchequer on account of such deployment; and

(c) whether arrangements have been made to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) On the request of the Government of Karnataka, 5 coys of RAF, 2 Coys of Mahila CRPF and platioon strength of BSF were made available to Government of Karnataka in connection with arrangements for Miss World Beauty pageant. However, 2 -platoons strength of BSF has been withdrawn with effect from 13.11.96. The cost of deployment will depend upon the period of deployment and the charges will be recovered from the Government of Karnataka as per the prescribed rates.

Involvement of Foreign Intelligence Agencies in Extremist Activities

579. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the involvement of ISI and other foreign intelligence agencies to step up the extremist activities in the country